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| | Combining Static And | § | | |
| | Dynamic Prediction | § | | |
| | Techniques | § | | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 2, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 17, 2003

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an amended Abstract is attached following page 10 of this paper.